



22nd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you already know Madeleine Orr has decided not to return to school following her maternity leave. I know this was a hard decision for Madeleine to come to and she will miss the school and community greatly.

Madeleine joined the school just over three years ago as Deputy Headteacher. For the majority of her time at school Madeleine was in the role of Acting or Interim Headteacher. Madeleine took on this challenge with verve and worked relentlessly to strive for improvement.

Having worked closely with Madeleine as head of the junior school it was clear that she always wanted the best for the children of Chester Park and the creative and strategic vision she put in place in 2017 has supported the children of the school. Supporting children to develop their understanding regarding the importance of Growth Mindset has been incredibly important in enabling children to believe they can succeed. It is always great to hear children say "I can't do it...yet!"

I know that many of you may wish to share a token of your appreciation to Madeleine and her time at the school and those wishing to make a donation for a gift please can you hand this in to the school office by **6th December**. If you have cards or a personal gift the school can arrange that these are delivered to Madeleine.

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to say goodbye to Madeleine at Chester Park Infant School on **Tuesday 11th December at 2.30pm**.

Having met Tallulah it is clear why Madeleine wants to spend more time with her wonderful daughter. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success with her family and for the future.

Yours in partnership

Mike McNama
Headteacher